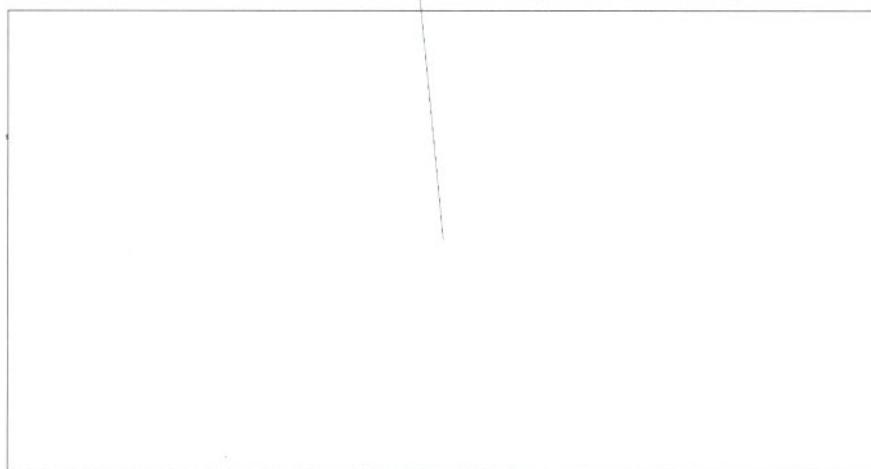


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BODY COUNTRY: (U) GHANA (GH); BURUNDI (BY); SIERRA LEONE  
(SL); SOUTH AFRICA (SF); SWEDEN (SW); ETHIOPIA (ET);  
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SUBJ:

/POSSIBLE NEW PEACEKEEPING  
MISSION FOR GHANA ARMED FORCES (U)WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT  
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SUMMARY: (S) THE GHANA ARMED FORCES HAS BEGUN  
PLANNING TO POTENTIALLY DEPLOY A UNIT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE FOR BURUNDI. SEVERAL  
KEY DEFENSE OFFICIALS ARE MAKING AN URGENT TRIP TO  
SOUTH AFRICA.TEXT: 1. (S) AS OF LATE  
FEBRUARY 2001, SENIOR GHANA ARMED FORCES (GAF) LEADERS  
BEGAN DRAWING UP PLANS FOR POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN  
AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE FOR BURUNDI. THE GAF  
LEADERS' ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY THE REPORTED STRONG  
DESIRE OF FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT AND CURRENT  
MEDIATOR FOR THE BURUNDI CRISIS, NELSON ((MANDELA)),  
FOR GHANA TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A FORCE.2. (S) ON 27 FEBRUARY, STAFF OFFICERS AT GAF GENERAL  
HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED ORDERS TO BEGIN COORDINATING AN  
IMMINENT TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA BY GHANAIAN MINISTER FOR

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DEFENSE DR. KWAME ((ADDO-KUFUOR)); MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CHIEF DIRECTOR ALHAJI S.S. ((SAAKA)); ND GAF CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF (CDS) LIEUTENANT GENERAL B.K. ((AKAFIA)).

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4.(C) [REDACTED] THE GAF REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SECOND BATTALION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE (UNAMSIL) AS SOON AS LOGISTICS CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. (SOURCE A COMMENTS. EQUIPMENT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE EXECUTION ORDER, TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE U.S.-SPONSORED OPERATION FOCUS RELIEF INITIATIVE WILL GO A LONG WAY TO MEETING GAF LOGISTICS CONCERNS.) PLANS TO SEND A MEDICAL UNIT TO SIERRA LEONE HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED BECAUSE SWEDEN WILL NOT PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AS THE GAF HAD EXPECTED. THE GAF IS CURRENTLY DETERMINING THE LOGISTICAL FEASIBILITY OF DEPLOYING AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY TO THE UN MISSION IN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA (UNMEE), THOUGH PROSPECTS DON'T LOOK VERY BRIGHT.

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